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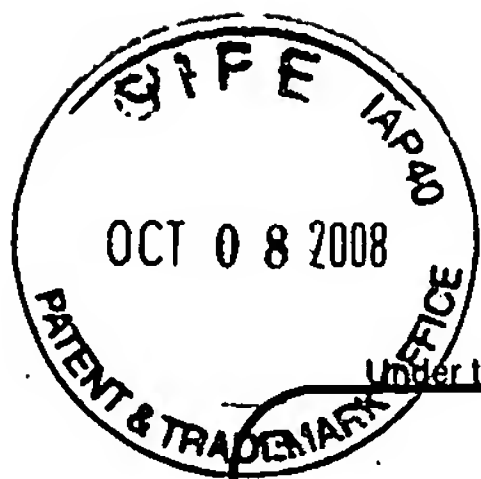
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United States Patents

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue/Publication Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>
6,578,516	06-17-2003	Oosterling et al.

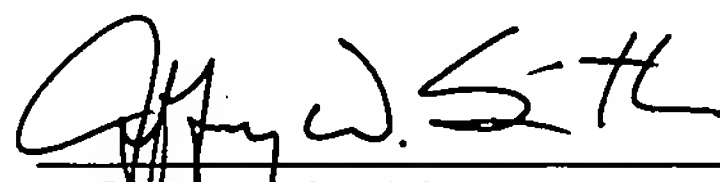
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WO 00/27183	05-18-2000	Glensbjerg

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